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that the amendment protects somebody's legitimate rights, how am I going to oppose that amendment. There is no way. But I am definitely opposed to returning the bill for killing. When you defeat his motion, I think Senator Cavanaugh has taken his amendment up there to take out some of this objectionable language.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the kill motion but for a different reason. I also do not like cockfighting. I think it is wrong but it is done. A few of us in the Judiciary Committee went to a symposium during the last session and we learned one thing among other things and the point is this. When you have a fine that is too stiff for the offense, three things happen. First of all, the arresting officer won't arrest. Secondly, the prosecuting person won't prosecute, and thirdly, the judging officer won't impose the penalty. We do have a law now on the books. We also have the penalty. I am not an authority as to say this is exactly as it ought to be but I think that the penalty imposed on this bill is too stiff. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in reference to a remark just made by Senator Nichol, "We know that it is wrong but it is done", I think that is an indefensible statement to make. You know what the fine is presently in the state of Nebraska for those that are arrested and convicted of this atrocity, \$20. \$20. If they can be convicted of brutality and cruelty to animals, it is another \$100. Keep in mind, this is big business. These birds are worth many, many dollars, in the hundreds of dollars. Now I think that the fine that we are attempting to impose for the first offense, \$500 to \$1000, is not unreasonable. If you increase that fine to \$50 or \$100, it will not stop in the least the activities of these individuals. In reference to some comments made by Senator DeCamp, I guess I need some new glasses because I see nothing in the bill that would harm in any way those individuals that are visually impaired that have animals that they use for their guidance. Now if these individuals wish to train these animals to fight one another and fight humans, yes, then there would be a conflict. I think some of the remarks that have been made, in my estimation, are totally ridiculous. I think with the amendments that Senator Cavanaugh has suggested, these should definitely clear up any questions that we might have, and once again, I suggest that you not return this bill to be indefinitely postponed.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I need to ask a question of someone who is very, very familiar with this legislative bill and I presume that I should ask the introducer. I had a letter this morning that does concern me and it does say that there was an amendment put on here which